

*Name(s) of Petitioner(s):* Julie Wagner, et al.

*Type of Determination:* Consolidation  
*Date of Filing of Appeal Papers:*

November 21, 1995

*Categories of Issues Apparently Raised:*

1. Effect on postal services [39 U.S.C. § 404(b)(2)(C)].
2. Effect on the community [39 U.S.C. § 404(b)(2)(A)].

After the Postal Service files the administrative record and the Commission reviews it, the Commission may find that there are more legal issues than those set forth above. Or, the Commission may find that the Postal Service's determination disposes of one or more of those issues.

The Postal Reorganization Act requires that the Commission issue its decision within 120 days from the date this appeal was filed (39 U.S.C. § 404 (b)(5)). In the interest of expedition, in light of the 120-day decision schedule, the Commission may request the Postal Service to submit memoranda of law on any appropriate issue. If requested, such memoranda will be due 20 days from the issuance of the request and the Postal Service shall serve a copy of its memoranda on the petitioners. The Postal Service may incorporate by reference in its briefs or motions, any arguments presented in memoranda it previously filed in this docket. If necessary, the Commission also may ask petitioners or the Postal Service for more information.

#### The Commission Orders

(a) The Postal Service shall file the record in this appeal by December 6, 1995.

(b) The Secretary of the Postal Rate Commission shall publish this Notice and Order and Procedural Schedule in the Federal Register.

By the Commission.  
Margaret P. Crenshaw,  
*Secretary.*

#### APPENDIX

November 21, 1995

Filing of Appeal letter  
November 27, 1995

Commission Notice and Order of Filing of Appeal

December 15, 1995

Last day of filing of petitions to intervene  
[see 39 C.F.R. § 3001.111(b)]

December 26, 1995

Petitioners' Participant Statement or Initial Brief [see 39 C.F.R. § 3001.115(a) and (b)]

January 15, 1996

Postal Service's Answering Brief [see 39 C.F.R. § 3001.115(c)]

January 30, 1996

Petitioners' Reply Brief should Petitioner choose to file one [see 39 C.F.R. § 3001.115(d)]

February 6, 1996

Deadline for motions by any party requesting oral argument. The Commission will schedule oral argument only when it is a necessary addition to the written filings [see 39 C.F.R. § 3001.116]

March 20, 1996

Expiration of the Commission's 120-day decisional schedule [see 39 U.S.C. § 404(b)(5)]

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## POSTAL SERVICE

### Programmatic Environmental Assessment; Priority Mail Processing System

**AGENCY:** Postal Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of finding of no significant impact.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service intends to implement a redesign program for the processing and distribution of Priority Mail, as announced in the Federal Register on October 20, 1995 (60 FR 54265). This program is needed to improve the handling of Priority Mail for achieving a level of on-time delivery higher than current levels. An environmental assessment, prepared by the Postal Service and dated November 1, 1995, concluded that the redesign program will have no effect or only a negligible effect on the components of the physical and cultural environments examined.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 1, 1995.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anthony M. Pajunas, (202) 268-3669. Copies of the environmental assessment are available from Operations Networks Redesign, U.S. Postal Service, 425 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20260-7165.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Postal Service redesign program for its Priority Mail Processing System includes establishing Priority Mail processing centers at several new facilities along the East Coast. This program will segregate Priority Mail from other mail classes and process and distribute Priority Mail through dedicated facilities. Program performance will be evaluated during a test period, after which the Postal Service will determine further action.

An environmental assessment of the redesign program, dated November 1, 1995, was prepared by the Postal Service. The assessment concluded that, because of the small size of the proposed Priority Mail processing centers relative to the urban areas in which they are to be situated,

implementation of the program is expected to have no effect or only a negligible effect on the components of the physical and cultural environments examined. The program is expected, however, to have a significant effect on improving the on-time delivery performance of Priority Mail, as well as on the remaining components of the postal environment.

Based on the environmental assessment, the Postal Service finds and declares that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, will not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-36508; File No. 600-23]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Government Securities Clearing Corporation; Order Approving Application for Extension of Temporary Registration as a Clearing Agency

November 27, 1995.

On February 3, 1995, the Government Securities Clearing Corporation ("GSCC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a request pursuant to Section 19(a) <sup>1</sup> of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") that the Commission grant GSCC full registration as a clearing agency under Section 17A of the Act <sup>2</sup> or in the alternative extend GSCC's temporary registration as a clearing agency until such time as the Commission is able to grant GSCC permanent registration.<sup>3</sup> The Commission published notice of GSCC's request in the Federal Register on October 26, 1995.<sup>4</sup> No comments were received. This order extends GSCC's

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(a) (1988).

<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1 (1988).

<sup>3</sup> Letter from Charles A. Moran, President, GSCC, to Brandon Becker, Director, Division of Market Regulation ("Division"), Commission (February 3, 1995) ("February Registration Letter"). GSCC supplemented the February Registration letter in its letter from Charles A. Moran, President, GSCC, to Brandon Becker, Director, Division, Commission (September 15, 1995) ("September Registration Letter").

<sup>4</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 36398 (October 20, 1995), 60 FR 54895.